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Crop Weather Milk Production

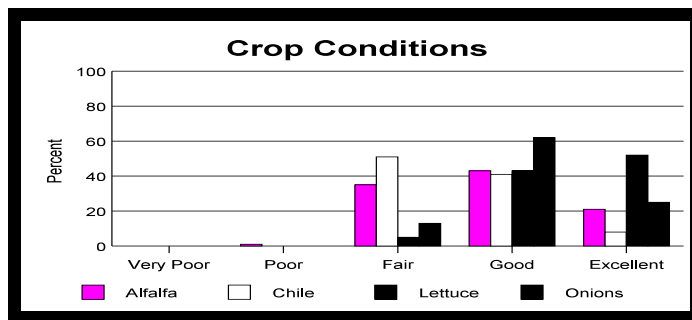
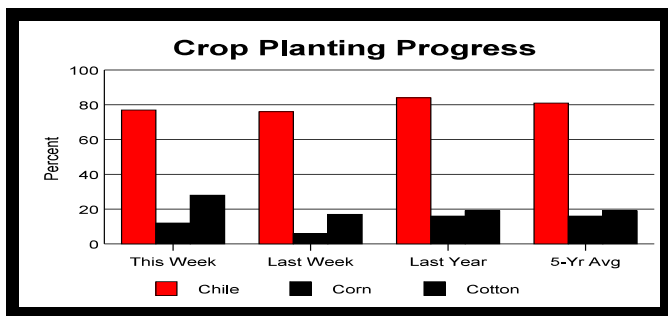
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2005

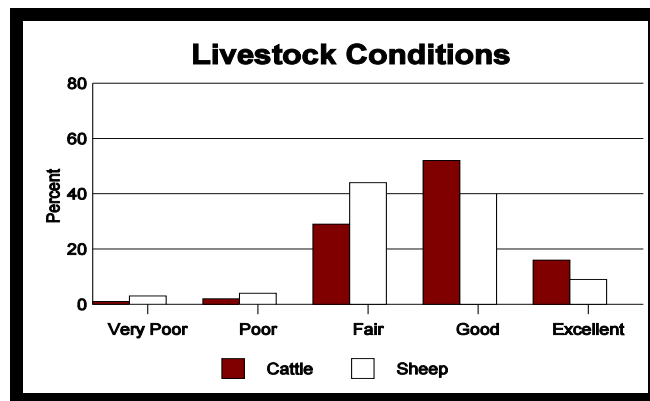
NEW MEXICO: There were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 2% very short, 30% short, 65% adequate, and 3% surplus. Wind damage was 14% light, 15% moderate, and 2% severe. Freeze damage was 3% light and 9% moderate and 1% severe. Farmers were busy with land preparation, planting chile and corn, and irrigating. Alfalfa conditions were reported as 1% poor, 35% fair, 43% good and 21% excellent with the first cutting at 51%. Cotton progress was 28% planted and corn was 12% planted. Total wheat condition was reported as 22% fair, 77% good, and 1% excellent with 13% being grazed. Lettuce condition was 5% fair, 43% good and 52% excellent. Chile condition was 51% fair and 41% good and 8% excellent with 77% planted. Onion condition was in 13% fair, 62% good and 25% excellent. Cattle conditions were 1% very poor, 2% poor, 29% fair, 52% good, and 16% excellent. Sheep were reported as 3% very poor, 4% poor, 44% fair, 40% good, and 9% excellent. Range and pasture conditions were 2% very poor, 14% poor, 45% fair, 38% good and 1% excellent. Ranchers were busy maintaining herds and water.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CHILE	Planted	77	76	84	81
CORN	Planted	12	6	16	16
COTTON	Planted	28	17	19	19
WHEAT (ALL)	Grazed	13	31	N/A	N/A

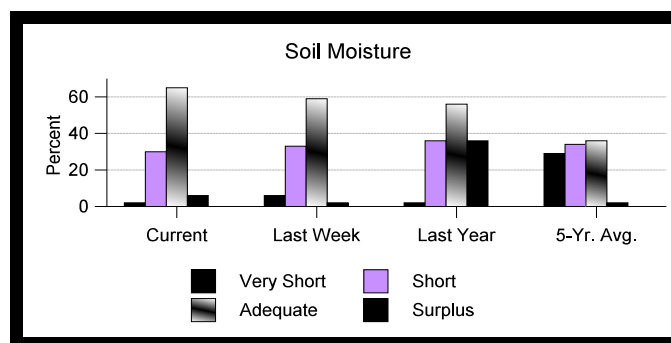

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	1	35	43	21
Chile	--	--	51	41	8
Lettuce	--	--	5	43	52
Onions	--	--	13	62	25
Wheat (All)	--	--	22	77	1
Cattle	1	2	29	52	16
Sheep	3	4	44	40	9
Range/Pasture	2	14	45	38	1



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	2	16	81	1
Northeast	---	32	60	8
Southwest	5	41	51	3
Southeast	2	39	59	---
State Current	2	30	65	3
State-Last Week	6	33	59	2
State-Last Year	2	36	56	6
State-5-Yr Avg.	29	34	36	2



WEATHER SUMMARY

Hit and miss showers and thunderstorms developed over New Mexico, mainly toward the end of the week. Some of the storm produced weak tornados, damaging winds and hail, especially Saturday and Sunday. Greatest precipitation amounts included .81 inches at Carrizozo and .76 inches at Roy and Las Vegas. Temperatures for the week were generally normal to slightly below normal in the east, and a little above normal in the west.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - APRIL 11- 18, 2005

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	04/11	04/01	Normal	01/01	Normal
				04/17	04/17	Apr	04/17	Jan-Apr
Farmington	55.1	79	26	0.00	0.02	0.51	3.42	2.48
Gallup	49.9	76	22	0.00	0.03	0.64	5.51	3.23
Capulin	46.2	68	17	0.35	1.90	1.01	4.70	2.86
Chama	42.6	66	10	0.07	0.31	1.27	9.67	6.61
Johnson Ranch	49.2	74	14	0.10	0.14	0.49	3.85	2.47
Las Vegas	47.6	70	18	0.76	0.77	0.83	4.53	2.54
Los Alamos	47.7	67	25	0.64	0.73	1.00	7.50	3.88
Raton	47.7	73	21	0.10	0.79	1.06	5.05	2.90
Red River	39.5	62	16	0.40	0.80	1.68	8.06	5.75
Santa Fe	51.6	71	28	0.35	0.40	0.81	6.02	2.87
Clayton	53.2	72	33	0.31	0.75	0.94	3.94	2.04
Clovis	56.3	77	29	0.00	0.05	0.81	4.62	2.30
Roy	50.9	71	25	0.76	0.76	0.82	5.30	2.14
Tucumcari	57.0	78	30	0.55	0.82	0.87	5.74	2.00
Grants	48.7	75	19	0.07	0.10	0.45	3.68	1.95
Quemado	47.5	76	16	0.00	0.14	0.60	3.41	2.95
Silver City	56.8	76	32	0.00	0.00	0.53	7.66	3.90
Albuquerque	58.1	78	33	0.61	0.77	0.52	5.01	1.96
Carrizozo	55.2	80	28	0.81	0.81	0.36	6.59	2.10
Socorro	57.4	83	28	0.25	0.28	0.36	3.68	1.41
Gran Quivera	49.5	75	28	0.44	0.44	0.64	5.69	2.88
Moriarty	47.5	74	20	0.03	0.21	0.66	5.07	2.10
Ruidoso	48.5	72	27	0.26	0.26	0.63	6.31	4.24
Carlsbad	60.5	83	33	0.06	0.08	0.49	3.08	1.49
Roswell	56.0	80	31	0.15	0.15	0.65	2.79	1.99
Tatum	53.4	78	26	0.10	0.10	0.64	2.59	2.05
Alamogordo	63.4	83	38	0.46	0.48	0.26	5.09	1.93
Animas	62.9	84	36	0.00	0.00	0.20	4.67	1.86
Deming	61.8	87	33	0.04	0.04	0.18	3.25	1.54
Las Cruces	62.8	85	36	0.03	0.03	0.21	3.63	1.26
T or C	61.1	84	37	0.10	0.1.0	0.22	2.77	1.40

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

MILK PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Milk production in the state during March totaled 576 million pounds. Production per cow totaled 1,790 pounds and the number of milk cows on farms was 322,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from March 2004. February revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from February 2004. However, production was up 3.1 percent on a per day basis after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an increase of 30 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,704 pounds for March, 43 pounds above March 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.10 million head, 38,000 head more than March 2004, and 21,000 head more than February 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: February 2004^{1/} and March 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows ^{2/}			Milk per Cow ^{3/}			Milk Production ^{3/}		
	3/04	2/04	3/05	3/04	2/05	3/05	3/04	2/05	3/05
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Pounds-----			-----Million Pounds-----		
AZ	155	164	164	2,120	1,840	2,060	329	302	338
CA	1,710	1,742	1,748	1,815	1,635	1,845	3,104	2,848	3,225
CO	100	100	101	1,830	1,720	1,910	183	172	193
FL	138	139	139	1,550	1,475	1,635	214	205	227
ID	413	437	440	1,780	1,680	1,870	735	734	823
IL	108	105	105	1,650	1,500	1,670	178	158	175
IN	147	154	154	1,820	1,510	1,700	268	233	262
IA	195	187	187	1,730	1,580	1,770	337	295	331
KS	113	109	110	1,680	1,575	1,755	190	172	193
KY	110	110	109	1,175	1,000	1,165	129	110	127
MI	301	306	308	1,810	1,640	1,820	545	502	561
MN	465	455	455	1,510	1,405	1,560	702	639	710
MO	123	117	119	1,345	1,220	1,370	165	143	163
NM	327	320	322	1,765	1,560	1,790	577	499	576
NY	660	650	651	1,510	1,415	1,595	997	920	1,038
OH	260	267	268	1,510	1,370	1,520	393	366	407
OR	120	120	121	1,560	1,460	1,620	187	175	196
PA	564	560	560	1,570	1,420	1,600	885	795	896
TX	317	317	317	1,735	1,560	1,790	550	495	567
VT	145	143	143	1,530	1,430	1,595	222	204	228
VA	105	105	105	1,465	1,345	1,495	154	141	157
WA	239	235	238	1,945	1,820	2,030	465	428	483
WI	1,244	1,234	1,233	1,510	1,405	1,560	1,878	1,734	1,923
23 STS	8,059	8,076	8,097	1,661	1,519	1,704	13,387	12,270	13,799

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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